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SPRING BAZAAR JUST A SPRING AWAY

Our Annual **Spring Bazaar** will be held on **Saturday, March 21st** from **9:00am to 2:00pm**. This is our first fundraiser of the year and a vital

one to the support of our programs. Our craft group has been very busy making hand made crafts, however we are looking for more craft items. If you already have or would like to make some items to donate, please drop them off at the Center anytime.

Our bake sale committee will be contacting members for baked goods donation. Our bake sale is very popular so your donations are very important to its success. All baked goods need to be delivered to the Center on Friday, March 20th by 4pm. As always, there will be Grandma's Treasures and Raffles. The Halfmoon Café will offer homemade luncheon items. Let's get our year off on the right foot and make this a successful fundraiser. You can help by signing up on the bulletin board to volunteer an hour or two of your time. Be sure to tell family and friends, but most of all - come in and shop!!! All proceeds go to fund our activities and programs.

PLAY AT THE SCHOOL

The Shenendehowa High School will be performing the musical **"THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE"** on **Tuesday, March 3rd** in the East building. This is a free performance which begins at 4:00pm. Van will leave the Center at 3:15pm or you may drive yourself. After the show we will enjoy a late dinner at Peddler's.

All activities are held at the Center unless otherwise specified. The Center is located on Lower Newtown Road and is open Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

SPECIAL DAYS TO REMEMBER

(Mark Your Calendar)

Mar 3	Play at School - "...Millie..."	4:00PM
Mar 4	Advisory Council Meeting	11:00AM
Mar 4	Business Meeting	1:00PM
Mar 6	Shuffle Board	12:30PM
Mar 9	Candy Making Trip	10:15AM
Mar 10	St. Patrick's Day Trip	8:45AM
Mar 11	Bingo	1:00PM
Mar 12	Candy Making Trip	10:15AM
Mar 12	Neil Diamond Concert	6:00PM
Mar 17	St. Patrick's Day Luncheon	12:00PM
Mar 18	Bingo	1:00PM
Mar 19	Alzheimer's Support	12:00PM
Mar 20	All Activities Cancelled for the Day	
Mar 21	Spring Bazaar	9:00AM - 2:00PM
Mar 23	Hermits - Bailey's Cafe	11:15AM
Mar 25	Jewelry Class	12:30PM
Mar 26	Bowling Party	10:30AM
Mar 27	Card Stamping Class	10AM & 12:30PM

The month of March has just blown in,

To say that Spring will soon begin.

March roars in like a lion, with a bluster and a slam!

And tiptoes out gently like a quiet little lamb.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

Join us for our annual **St. Patrick's Day Celebration** on Tuesday, **March 17th at 12:00pm**. Festivities will begin with a traditional **Corned Beef and Cabbage Luncheon**, complete with Red Potatoes, Carrots, Rye Bread, Milk and a Chocolate Brownie. Following lunch we will enjoy some Irish entertainment. Sign up for lunch in the dining room no later than Friday, March 13th at noon. Put on your green and join us for a lucky afternoon of fun, fellowship, and good food!



ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Our **Alzheimer's Support Group** meets the third Thursday of every month at **12:00pm**. Our group enjoys a complimentary lunch together while discussing various issues faced by caregivers and those they care for. Our next meeting will be held on **March 19th**. If you or someone you know are interested in attending, please call the Center to sign-up. Non-members are welcome.

LET'S SAY "HELLO"

In the 28 days of February the Center welcomed 15 new members. Join us in welcoming: **Carolyn Jarvis, Tim and Pat Prout, Linda Peterson, Keith Ferguson, Sheila Boehm, Linda Pasinello, Barb Peek, Geri Sim, Karen Angell, Jim and Elaine Olsakovsky, Walter and Christina Passineau, and Patricia Brady-Morgan**. The Center welcomes each of you to our membership! A reception will be held for all members following the Marchth Business Meeting.

CARD STAMPING CLASS

Our **Card Stamping Workshops** continue to be a huge success! Our next card stamping class will be held on Friday, **March 27th at 10:00am or 12:30pm**. No experience needed. All supplies are provided. Your \$2.00 fee is due at sign up.

HERMITS

This month the **HERMITS** will be celebrating St. Patrick at **Bailey's Cafe** in Saratoga on Monday, **March 23rd**. Van will leave at **11:15am**. Your \$5.00 refundable deposit will hold your reservation on the van. You may also drive yourself. Lunch is on your own.



BOWLING PARTY

Our monthly **Bowling Party** will be held on **Thursday, March 26th at 10:30am** at Spare Time Bowl on Route 9. The cost of **\$5.00** gets you 2 games, shoes, pizza and soda. Non-members are welcome for the unsubsidized price of \$8.50. The cost for non-bowlers enjoying lunch is \$2.00 for members and \$3.50 for non-members.



NEIL DIAMOND IN CONCERT (ALMOST)

Join your fellow townsmen at the Center on **Thursday, March 12th** and enjoy the musical talents of **Al Bruno** as he performs the classics of Neil Diamond. Doors open at **6:00pm**. Dinner and dessert items will be available for sale. This free concert is sponsored by the Halfmoon Celebrations Committee and is open to the public. Concert starts at 6:30pm.

INFORMAL JEWELRY MAKING CLASS

Join us on **Wednesday, March 18th at 12:30pm** for a not so formal **Jewelry Making Class**. Janet Carroll and Doreen Draiss have teamed up to be your not so formal instructors. This month we will be making a beautiful filigree heart necklace. The cost is \$7.00. You must sign up at the front desk by March 11th. Seating is limited. Come have a great time.

CANDY LUNCHEON TRIP

Join us on **Monday, March 9th or Thursday March 12th** for a special treat as we head to the **Park Avenue Confectionary** shop in Mechanicville. Our fun begins with candy making demonstrations followed by your very own chance to try your hand at making these delectable delights. Save some room for lunch at **The Ugly Rooster** in Mechanicville. This members-only trip is free with lunch on your own. Sign-up begins March 4th. Your refundable \$5.00 will reserve your seat. Van leaves at 10:15am.



TAX TIME IS TICKING DOWN

Don't worry, there is still time for you to have **AARP** do your **tax preparation** for **free!** Taxes will be prepared every **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday** until **April 15th** from **9:15am to 2:30pm**. You must call the Center to make an appointment as there are no drop-ins. The Center is only making appointments and are not able to answer any tax questions. Please direct those to **AARP**.



A MUST READ FOR EVERYONE-ONCE AGAIN

All members are asked to visit the NEW website at www.townofhalfmoon-ny.gov to sign-up to receive the newsletter via e-mail. The Center is in the process of phasing out the mailing of newsletters. As of June 2015 newsletters will no longer be mailed. If you do not have a computer or access to one or if you are unable to pick up the newsletter at the Center or have one picked up for you, please call and let us know. Please take a moment now and sign-up to receive yours via e-mail (paper copies can be picked up at the Center anytime should you want one). All you need to do is either right click on the link above then click on "open hyperlink" - it will take you to the site; or you can copy and paste the link in your browser. Once there scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the blue box labeled "E-Subscribe". There are two places to check off - one is under Urgent Alerts and the second is under News and Announcements - check off Senior Center for both. Be sure to do the anagram then click on the "Subscribe Me" button at the bottom of the page. **IMPORTANT** - once you hit the "**SUBSCRIBE ME**" button, a new window will appear that will tell you if you have been "SUCCESSFULLY SUBSCRIBED" OR "UNSUCCESSFUL". If you have been "Successfully Subscribed" then you are done! As the section explains, you will automatically get the newsletter and any important updates - such as school closings - right to your inbox. If you have been "Unsuccessful" then there was a problem - possibly reading the analog - so you will need to start over until you receive the message that you have been "Successfully Subscribed. If you are having trouble reading the analog you can change it to a new one by clicking on the two white arrows chasing each other in the red section of the analog. If you have any questions or need help, please call Eileen. Thank you.

WHO TAUGHT YOU TO DRIVE?

On **April 6th** from **9:00am to 4:30pm**, AARP will again offer a **Driving Course** here at the Center. The fee is \$20.00 for AARP members (must show membership card), and \$25.00 for non-members. Participants may want to sign-up in the dining room for lunch at the Center, or bring a bag lunch with them. Class size is limited. Prior payment, by check only, made payable to AARP will reserve your seat.

LET'S HIT THE ROAD

Our trip to **Gavin's Irish Country Inn** on **March 10th** will begin boarding at **8:45am** and leave at **9:00am**. Please park on the side and in front of the Historical Society. You will board in the order that you signed up. Get ready for our **April 23rd** trip to **Bennington Vermont**. Join us as we pick up our very own docent and tour the historical and places of interest in Bennington. We will stop at the Old First Congregational Church complete with a trip to the gravesite of Robert Frost among others;



the Bennington Monument; a covered bridge; and a guided tour of the Bennington Museum. After a catered lunch at the museum, we will head to the Bennington Potters for a tour of Vermont's finest pottery. From there we will visit The Chocolate Barn and the Sugar Shack for authentic Vermont treats. This member's only trip is \$25.00. **Due to limited venue space, there will be only one bus for this trip.** Sign-up begins after the March 4th Business Meeting. Jumping ahead, we are offering our 3rd Annual trip to the **Finger Lakes** from **July 23rd - July 25th**. This trip includes 2 nights lodging at the prestigious Keuka College located on Keuka Lake, meals, wine touring, Belhurst Castle, shopping at the Windmill (Amish), and much more! The cost is \$210.00 for members (\$285.00 for a private room) and \$310.00 for non-members (\$385.00 for a private room). Sign-up has begun for this trip but there is still room to join in! A Lobsterfest has been scheduled for August 12th at the Log Cabin. A Veterans Day Special Tribute has also been scheduled for November 10th at the Log Cabin. More details and more trips to follow in upcoming newsletters. If you would like to suggest a trip, please let us know. Happy traveling!



A FREE LAWYER

Yes, it's hard to believe but some lawyers are **FREE**. We're not talking "no fee unless you collect" kind of free, we're talking totally free! The **Saratoga County Office for the Aging** has arranged for free legal services for seniors living in Saratoga County. There are no financial forms to fill out, just proof of residency and age. Any one interested must call the Saratoga County Office for the Aging at **884-4100** to make an appointment. Donations are accepted but not expected.